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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIRO IWADATE ) Examiner: Justin B. Foster  
Application No.: 09/479,214 ) Group Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: January 7, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD OF )  
CONTROLLING SAME ) September 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with a copy of a Japanese Official Action citing them.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract and translation.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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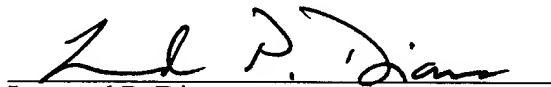
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Date of Signature

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. P. Diana", is written over a horizontal line.

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